

SHOT CAUSES DEATH OF P. H. WELLS

Known Attorney Succumbs to Effects of Wounds Self Inflicted Months Ago.

The death of Philip H. Wells, 41 years of age, Rock Island attorney, occurred at 1 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of relatives in Ligonier, Ind., as the result of wounds received when he made an attempt to take his own life by shooting, on March 22. The funeral will be held in Rock Island tomorrow.

Following his sensational double attempt at suicide, in which, seriously wounded by a gunshot, but still conscious, he attempted to slash his wrist with a razor, Mr. Wells lingered several weeks in a critical condition. Hope for his complete recovery was for a time held out. Lung trouble, resulting from the shot wound in his left side, is believed to have been the direct cause of his death.

Going as a voluntary patient to Watertown hospital after the suicide effort, the attorney remained there for some weeks. He was removed to Mercy hospital, Davenport, by his mother about a month ago. From there he was recently taken to the home of cousins in Ligonier, where his death occurred.

Financial Loss, Motive.
Financial difficulties, the result of bad investments, were the cause of the suicide attempt, according to friends of Mr. Wells.

According to a statement of Dr. Eli Bradford, the attending physician, given at the time of the shooting, Attorney Wells had been under a severe mental strain, due to business cares, for some time, and was the victim of a mental aberration.

The attempt was made at his home, 1609 Thirteenth avenue, when, returning from his office, he locked himself in the bathroom and seated in the bathtub, fired the shot with a shotgun into his left side, while members of the family were attempting to gain admittance to the room.

Evidently aimed at the heart, the shot entered the body a trifle below, glanced sideways and came out at the back, tearing a gaping wound. A few shots entered the left lung, causing hemorrhages. It was this lung affection which is

thought to have caused Mr. Wells' death.

Shortly after the shooting and the arrival of the physician, the attorney made an attempt to complete the work of self destruction by cutting a safety razor blade and slashing at his wrist. He succeeded in cutting an artery before Dr. Bradford was able to wrest the blade from his hand.

Attorney Wells had been a practicing lawyer in Rock Island for a period of about fifteen years. At one time he was justice of the peace.

Born in Milan.

Philip Howard Wells was born in Milan April 12, 1879. His father, the late Howard Wells, was a well known Rock Island business man and served a term as postmaster. The son was educated in the schools of Rock Island, attended Grand Prairie seminary at Onondaga, Ill., and Augustana college. He took a law course at Northwestern university, received his degree and was admitted to the bar, practicing in this city.

Several years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Alice Tene. She survives with his mother, Mrs. Howard Wells, and an aunt, Miss Della Stone, all of Rock Island.

The body will be sent here from Indiana, reaching Rock Island late this evening. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the First Methodist church, Dr. R. G. Pearce, and Dr. A. M. Stocking of the Spencer Memorial Methodist church officiating. Interment will be at Chipiannock cemetery.

MAUCKER SEEKS MINORITY PLACE IN LEGISLATURE

W. C. Maucker of this city, former member of the state legislature, today announced his candidacy for the nomination for minority representative. He said he expected no opposition in this county. His campaign will be based upon his record, which was an altogether creditable one.

H. M. McCaskin of this city is circulating petitions to have his name presented at the September primaries for the Republican nomination. F. E. Abbey of Bigsawville, present member, also is a candidate before the Republicans.

THE NEW STEAMER CAPITOL.
Of the Streckfus line will make an afternoon trip out of the tri-cities Saturday, July 17. Leaves Davenport 2:00 p. m., Rock Island 2:30 p. m. Returns 7:00 p. m. Fare 75c, including tax. Children 50c.

DEDICATE NEW JEWISH BURIAL GROUND SUNDAY

Rabbi M. Grotzky of St. Louis Directs Beautiful Services at Cemetery.

Dedication of the new Jewish cemetery, located on Twenty-ninth avenue and Thirty-first street, was held at the grounds yesterday afternoon, with Rabbi M. Grotzky of St. Louis in charge of the services. One hundred members of the faith attended the dedication.

Rabbi Grotzky drew a picture from the burial of old bible and talmud leaves and books which took place at the cemetery as the dedication of the lots, in which he compared the books to the life of a family. The lessons were drawn from the burial of the old books and leaves, signifying that it is only the body and not the spirit that is buried, that a family is broken when death interferes just as a book is shattered when the covers, representing the mother and father and the leaves the children, become separated, and as a book each family has covers, parents, to keep it together.

Services Impressive.
The services were very impressive, made more so by Rabbi Grotzky because of the recent loss of a son and the serious illness of another. The cemetery is the first that the Jewish people of this community have in the twin-cities, having heretofore made use of the Jewish burial grounds in Davenport.

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A News- paper Man Asks Informa- tion About Gasoline Prices

"WHAT are the reasons for the advance in gasoline prices?" was asked by the President of a large daily newspaper.

Continuing, the gentlemen said: "I can conceive how the cost of a manufactured article might increase as much as 50 to 100 percent because of the increased cost of raw materials, labor, etc.; but it has always seemed to me that the price of a product taken from the ground at a comparatively low cost should not be affected to any marked degree."

This constitutes a fair question, and we are glad of an opportunity to answer it frankly.

Gasoline is refined from crude petroleum by a lengthy and expensive process, and is, in the truest sense, a manufactured article. Time, labor, and heavy investments enter into the manufacture of gasoline from the crude, and each of these necessarily affect the price.

The cost of crude is a dominant factor in fixing the price of gasoline.

The extraordinary demand for petroleum products, plus the abnormal increases in the cost of labor, machinery, and money necessary for drilling and equipping oil wells, have combined to force upwards the price of crude oil f. o. b. Whiting from \$1.54 to \$4.30 per barrel in four years, nearly 180 percent.

For the same period the selling price of gasoline has increased but 44 percent.

Since the Armistice was signed, the production of automobiles, tractors, trucks, and other power using machinery, has created a demand for gasoline far in excess of normal. Gasoline reserves have been reduced to an alarming extent, and the bidding for crude oil on the part of refiners generally, has forced prices upward.

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